

Castro (TX)	Katko (Meijer)	Rogers (KY)
(Neguse)	Kelly (PA)	(Reschenthaler)
Cawthorn	(Keller)	Roybal-Allard
(Donalds)	Kirkpatrick	(Correa)
Clarke (NY)	(Pallone)	Ryan (Beyer)
(Maloney,	Lawrence	Salazar
Carolyn B.)	(Stevens)	(Gimenez)
Cohen (Beyer)	Leger Fernandez	Sires (Pallone)
Crist	(Kuster)	Smucker (Joyce
(Wasserman	Lieu (Beyer)	(PA))
Schultz)	Long	Soto (Castor
Deutch	(Fleischmann)	(FL))
(Schneider)	Meng (Kuster)	Speier (Correa)
Doggett (Beyer)	Meuser	Taylor (Pfluger)
Eshoo (Beyer)	(Reschenthaler)	Thompson (PA)
Fallon (Gonzales,	Moore (WI)	(Keller)
Tony)	(Beyer)	Timmons
Gosar (Gaetz)	Moulton	(Armstrong)
Hartzler (Bacon)	(Stevens)	Torres (NY)
Herrera Beutler	Murphy (FL)	(Williams
(Moore (UT))	(Castor (FL))	(GA))
Higgins (NY)	Newman (Beyer)	Trahan (Stevens)
(Pallone)	Panetta (Beyer)	Walorski (Baird)
Jacobs (NY)	Pappas (Kuster)	Welch (Pallone)
(Garbarino)	Pascarell	Wilson (FL)
Johnson (SD)	(Pallone)	(Williams
(Armstrong)	Payne (Pallone)	(GA))
Johnson (TX)	Peters (Correa)	Wilson (SC)
(Jeffries)	Pingree (Kuster)	(Lamborn)
Kahele (Correa)	Porter (Neguse)	

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 8167

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 8167.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK). The gentleman's request is accepted.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, who recently passed away in our community. His remarkable service figures prominently in our Nation's history. Jefferson served as a fighter pilot with the Red Tail 332nd Fighter Group, 301st Fighter Squadron in Italy during World War II. His unit bravely escorted bombers into action, providing critical protection from enemy aircraft without losing a single plane.

After the war, Jefferson served as an instructor in advanced flight training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, continuing the storied Air Corps' legacy of excellence.

Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson received numerous awards for his bravery and selfless service to our country, including the Purple Heart award. We have lost a great American patriot and hero who should always be remembered for his service to freedom for our country.

WE MUST SAVE THE GIANT SEQUOIAS

(Mr. WESTERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, after visiting the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias, Teddy Roosevelt famously declared: "A grove of giant redwood or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great and beautiful cathedral."

Madam Speaker, today that cathedral is on fire. The very grove in which President Roosevelt stood is enveloped in flames as we speak, threatening to destroy these iconic trees forever.

We are seeing the horrific consequences of decades of forest mismanagement play out in Yosemite, and it is time to act to save our sequoias.

Wildfires burn so hot and so intensely that they quite literally explode giant sequoias and create "fire-nados," sending branches and bark hurling so far into the air that they have narrowly missed taking out our firefighting planes. If giant sequoias can't withstand these raging infernos, no tree stands a chance.

Time is not on our side, Madam Speaker. I urge immediate action on the Save Our Sequoias Act to give land managers in California the resources they so desperately need, preventing firefighters from having to resort to desperate measures to save these national treasures. This is the only way we can conserve America's most beautiful cathedral for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING CASPER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Casper, a golden retriever in the service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Canines for Kids program.

To say that Children's Healthcare of Atlanta does an immense amount for the community would be an understatement. Among these services is the Canines for Kids program that provides the tender love of man's best friend to sick children.

Casper, and his handler Lisa, were pioneers of this program. In 2009, Casper reported for his first day of work, the inception of the program itself.

He was driven by a deep love for children, like the other employees at Children's Healthcare. His floppy-eared smile, paw touches, and intentional eye contact brought comfort to hundreds of patients through his many years of service.

Casper became the leader of his cohort of fellow dogs and helped to pave the way for this instrumental program.

This is a tough loss for all who knew Casper, but his legacy remains in the dozens of other dogs that continue his service nationwide every day.

I thank Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for the work that they do and for introducing all of us to Casper.

THE INFLATION CRISIS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I am sure every Congressman who has been back in their district for the last 2 weeks heard the same thing as the number one issue that is facing the American public right now, and that is inflation, be it gas, even more food, even more housing, again and again and again.

People say: How are you going to get around that? It is simple to get around it; it is just sometimes a little more difficult. That is finally saying no to the excessive government spending around here that has forced the Federal Reserve to print dollars and decrease the value of the dollar.

Within the next couple of weeks, we are going to vote on appropriation bills for the budget year beginning October 1. Let's look: Are we holding the line?

Transportation and HUD, 12 percent increase; water, 7 percent increase; financial services and general government, 16 percent increase; interior, 18 percent increase; military construction and VA, 11 percent increase.

Congress has not yet adapted to the new crisis.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, the United States is home to the most remarkable people in the world. We are the most caring, giving, and united country that has ever existed. But that is not the outlook we see daily in the news and on social media. Big traditional and social media outlets would have you convinced that Americans don't help each other. The algorithms used by these companies are designed to show controversy and to lead you to believe that there is more divisiveness in our society than harmony.

But that is not true. Since being elected to Congress, I have seen firsthand that the Texas Sixth Congressional District is home to many remarkable people; so much so that each week my office sends out dozens of recognition letters highlighting some of their achievements.

While in Washington, D.C., I have had the incredible opportunity to work with countless individuals, a lot of whom deserve the highest praise for their service to the American people. To be clear: These individuals I am referencing do not just make up my own party but also those across the aisle. Bipartisanship is alive and well up here, and I am proud to say that I am surrounded by like-minded individuals on both sides of the aisle who have dedicated their lives to public service,